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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating the Indiana Arts Commission on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its creation.

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Whereas, The Indiana Arts Commission was formed in 1965 by Governor Roger Branigin to serve the cultural needs of the state of Indiana through appropriations from the National Endowment for the Arts;

Whereas, In 1969, as an official agency of Indiana State Government, the Indiana Arts Commission began administration of grants to Indiana arts organizations in 26 counties and currently administers more than 300 grants and other program services in all 92 Indiana counties;

Whereas, In 1972, the Indiana Arts Commission helped establish community arts councils in 32 Indiana cities, and, in 1973, introduced a pilot project, "Preview Performance", designed to increase the number of community-based arts organizations;

Whereas, In 1973, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, the Indiana Arts Commission initiated the Governor's Arts Awards to recognize and honor significant contributions to and profound positive impact on the arts and the state of Indiana;

Whereas, In 1977, the Indiana Arts Commission, in partnership with the Indiana Department of Commerce, released a report revealing that 4,500 Hoosiers were employed full time in arts-related jobs; in 2014, the number



of full time arts-related jobs had grown to 45,149;

Whereas, In 1996, the Indiana Arts Commission identified 12 community-based organizations as part of a decentralized service distribution system known as the Regional Arts Partnership, designed to provide more local level involvement in the administration of cultural grants and programs;

Whereas, In 1997, the Indiana Arts Commission launched a two-year study of individual artists' needs that provided the foundation of the Individual Artist Program, which in its first year of offering grants attracted more than 200 applications from Indiana artists;

Whereas, The Commission has awarded grants to cultural organizations, artists, and arts providers through an open, citizen-led, rigorous, and public process throughout its history;

Whereas, The Commission has engaged generations of Hoosiers under the leadership of volunteer commissioners from all walks of life and from everywhere in the state;

Whereas, The Commission's "Celebrate the Arts" license plate program benefits arts programs for schools;

Whereas, The Indiana Arts Commission has worked closely with the Indiana General Assembly to expand the impact of the arts and arts education in our state through programs such as the Indiana Cultural Trust, the Indiana Poet Laureate, Indiana Cultural District Certification, and Indiana Artisan;

Whereas, The Indiana Arts Commission has offered learning opportunities in cultural, community, and economic development for citizens throughout the state;

Whereas, The Indiana Arts Commission has developed and supports innovative arts education opportunities such as its Partnering Communities and Education (PACE) program for the enrichment of students statewide; and



Whereas, The Indiana Arts Commission, in partnership with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks, developed signature Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Projects such as the Bicentennial Plaza, Indiana Masterpiece, and Arts in the Parks programs: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes and
2 honors the Indiana Arts Commission for 50 years of service to the
3 economic, cultural, community, and educational interests of the
4 citizens of Indiana.

5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the executive
7 director of the Indiana Arts Commission.

